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Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 27, 2006, is requested in an accompanying petition.

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